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SUBJECT: SECVISIT ROME: BRIEFING MATERIAL ON CSCE

1. FOLLOWING SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON CSCE SHOULD BE ADDED TO BRIEFING MEMORANDA FOR SECRETARY'S DISCUSSIONS WITH ITALIAN LEADERS.

2. ITALIAN POSITION: THE ITALIANS HAVE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED EC NINE POSITIONS AT CSCE WHILE TAKING PARTICULAR INTEREST IN BASKET 3 FREER MOVEMENT PROPOSALS. RECENTLY, THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO EXPLOIT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES TO OBTAIN AT LEAST LOW-KEY BUT AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENTS THAT THE "ENEMY STATES CLAUSES" OF THE UN CHARTER -- I.E., ARTICLES 53 AND 107 -- DO NOT APPLY TO ITALY. THE ITALIANS HAVE TAKEN THE LEAD FOR THE WEST IN ADVOCATING A GENERAL DECLARATION ON THE MEDITERRANEAN. IN THE NATO CAUCUS AT GENEVA, THEY HAVE RESISTED US PRESSURES IN THE ALLIED EXERCISE TO EXPEDITE DRAFTING OF REALISTIC TEXTS ON CBMS AND BASKET 3 ISSUES.

3. US POSITION: WHILE WE HAVE BEEN GENERALLY SATISFIED
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WITH US-ITALIAN COOPERATION AT CSCE, WE HOPE ITALY WILL

SHOW INCREASED FLEXIBILITY IN SUPPORTING NATO EFFORTS AT ARTICULATING REALISTIC ALLIED GOALS ON REMAINING ISSUES AT GENEVA. WE BELIEVE THAT SINCE ITALY IS SIGNATORY TO A

PEACE TREATY (IN 1947), IT NEED NOT BE CONCERNED BY ARTICLES 53 AND 107 OF THE UN CHARTER. WE CANNOT DISAVOW ARTICLE 107, WHICH REMAINS A FUNDAMENTAL UNDERPINNING TO ALLIED RIGHTS IN BERLIN AND GERMANY AS A WHOLE. HOWEVER, WE HAVE TOLD THE ITALIANS THUS FAR ONLY THAT WE ARE STUDYING THEIR VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT, AND THAT WE WILL MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THEIR REPRESENTATIVES AT GENEVA. ALTHOUGH WE ORIGINALLY OPPOSED THE IDEA OF A SEPARATE MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION IN CSCE, WE NOW SUPPORT THE ITALIAN POSITION, SINCE IT IS LESS TROUBLESOME THAN THE PROPOSAL TABLED BY YUGOSLAVIA, CYPRUS, AND MALTA, WHICH WOULD EXTEND CBMS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

4. YOUR TALKING POINTS:

-- WE APPRECIATE THE COOPERATION WHICH HAS EXISTED BETWEEN ITALY AND THE US ON CSCE.

-- WE FAVOR CONTINUING ALLIED EFFORTS TO DEFINE DESIRED GOALS AT CSCE IN ORDER TO PRESENT TO THE EAST IN DUE COURSE REALISTIC DRAFT PROPOSALS THAT WILL MEET ALLIED DESIDERATA.

-- WE ARE STUDYING ITALIAN VIEWS ON REFERENCES IN THE PRINCIPLES DECLARATION TO THE UN CHARTER. WHILE WE CANNOT DISAVOW ARTICLE 107, WE WILL BE LOOKING FOR OTHER WAYS TO EFFECTIVELY MEET ITALIAN CONCERNS.

-- WE SUPPORT THE ITALIAN DRAFT FOR A MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION, RECOGNIZING ITALY'S SPECIAL INTEREST IN THAT SUBJECT, AND WE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE NEUTRAL SUGGESTION FOR EXTENSION OF CBMS TO THE MEDITERRANEAN.

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